## **Introduced by Senator Wolk**

February 22, 2013

An act to repeal Sections 14661 and 14661.1 of the Government Code, to amend Section 32132.5 of the Health and Safety Code, and to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 10186) to Chapter 1 of Part 2, and Article 4 (commencing with Section 22160) to Chapter 2 of Part 3, of Division 2 of, and to repeal Sections 20133, 20175.2, 20193, 20209, 20301.5, and 20688.6 of, and to repeal Article 6.7 (commencing with Section 20209), and Article 22 (commencing with Section 20360), of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 2 of, the Public Contract Code, relating to design-build.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 785, as introduced, Wolk. Design-build.

Existing law authorizes the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and various local agencies to use the design-build procurement process for specified public works under different laws.

This bill would repeal those authorizations, and enact provisions that would authorize the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and those local agencies, as defined, to use the design-build procurement process for specified public works. The bill would require moneys that are collected under these provisions to be deposited into the State Public Works Enforcement Fund, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would provide that specified information related to the procurement of design-build contracts is exempt from the California Public Records Act. The bill would require specified information to be verified under penalty of perjury. By

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expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to consolidate existing design-build statutes and eliminate inconsistencies in statutory language by adopting authority of general application to identified agencies and repealing superseded sections.

SEC. 2. Section 14661 of the Government Code is repealed. 14661. (a) For the purposes of this section, the definitions in subdivision (a) of Section 13332.19 shall apply.

- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Public Contract Code or any other provision of law, when the Legislature authorizes the use of the design-build construction procurement process for a specific project, the Director of General Services may contract and procure state office facilities and other buildings, structures, and related facilities pursuant to this section.
- (c) Prior to contracting with a design-build entity for the procurement of state office facilities and other state buildings and structures, the director shall:
- (1) Prepare a program setting forth the performance criteria for the design-build project. The performance criteria shall be prepared by a design professional duly licensed and registered in the State of California.
- (2) (A) Establish a competitive prequalification and selection process for design-build entities, including any subcontractors listed at the time of bid, that clearly specifies the prequalification eriteria, and states the manner in which the winning design-build entity will be selected.
- 26 (B) Prequalification shall be limited to consideration of all of the following criteria:

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(i) Possession of all required licenses, registration, and eredentials in good standing that are required to design and construct the project.

- (ii) Submission of evidence that establishes that the design-build entity members have completed, or demonstrated the capability to complete, projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project.
- (iii) Submission of a proposed project management plan that establishes that the design-build entity has the experience, competence, and capacity needed to effectively complete the project.
- (iv) Submission of evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance, as well as a financial statement that assures the department that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.
- (v) Provision of a declaration certifying that applying members of the design-build entity have not had a surety company finish work on any project within the last five years.
- (vi) Provision of information and a declaration providing detail concerning all of the following:
- (I) Any construction or design claim or litigation totaling more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or 5 percent of the annual value of work performed, whichever is less, settled against any member of the design-build entity over the last five years.
- (II) Serious violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, as provided in Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code, settled against any member of the design-build entity.
- (III) Violations of federal or state law, including, but not limited to, those laws governing the payment of wages, benefits, or personal income tax withholding, or of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) withholding requirements, state disability insurance withholding, or unemployment insurance payment requirements, settled against any member of the design-build entity over the last five years. For the purposes of this subclause, only violations by a design-build member as an employer shall be

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deemed applicable, unless it is shown that the design-build entity member, in his or her capacity as an employer, had knowledge of his or her subcontractor's violations or failed to comply with the conditions set forth in subdivision (b) of Section 1775 of the Labor Code.

- (IV) Information required by Section 10162 of the Public Contract Code.
- (V) Violations of the Contractors' State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code), excluding alleged violations or complaints.
- (VI) Any conviction of any member of the design-build entity of submitting a false or fraudulent claim to a public agency over the last five years.
- (vii) Provision of a declaration that the design-build entity will comply with all other provisions of law applicable to the project, including, but not limited to, the requirements of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code.
- (C) The director, when requested by the design-build entity, shall hold in confidence any information required by clauses (i) to (vi), inclusive.
- (D) Any declaration required under subparagraph (B) shall state that reasonable diligence has been used in its preparation and that it is true and complete to the best of the signer's knowledge. A person who certifies as true any material matter that he or she knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by not more than one year in a county jail, by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both the fine and imprisonment.
- (3) (A) Determine, as he or she deems in the best interests of the state, which of the following methods listed in subparagraph (B) will be used as the process for the winning design-build entity. The director shall provide a notification to the State Public Works Board, regarding the method selected for determining the winning design-build entity, at least 30 days prior to publicizing the design-build solicitation package.
- (B) The director shall make his or her determination by choosing one of the following methods:
- (i) A design-build competition based upon performance, price, and other criteria set forth by the department in the design-build

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solicitation package. The department shall establish technical criteria and methodology, including price, to evaluate proposals and shall describe the criteria and methodology in the design-build solicitation package. Award shall be made to the design-build entity whose proposal is judged as providing the best value in meeting the interest of the department and meeting the objectives of the project. A project with an approved budget of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more may be awarded pursuant to this clause.

- (ii) A design-build competition based upon performance and other criteria set forth by the department in the design-build solicitation package. Criteria used in this evaluation of proposals may include, but need not be limited to, items such as proposed design approach, life-cycle costs, project features, and functions. However, any criteria and methods used to evaluate proposals shall be limited to those contained in the design-build solicitation package. Award shall be made to the design-build entity whose proposal is judged as providing the best value, for the lowest price, meeting the interests of the department and meeting the objectives of the project. A project with an approved budget of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more may be awarded pursuant to this clause.
- (iii) A design-build competition based upon program requirements and a detailed scope of work, including any performance criteria and concept drawings set forth by the department in the design-build solicitation package. Award shall be made on the basis of the lowest responsible bid. A project with an approved budget of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or more may be awarded pursuant to this clause.
- (4) For the purposes of this subdivision, the following definitions shall apply:
- (A) "Best interest of the state" means a design-build process that is projected by the director to reduce the project delivery schedule and total cost of a project while maintaining a high level of quality workmanship and materials, when compared to the traditional design-bid-build process.
- (B) "Best value" means a value determined by objective criteria that may include, but is not limited to, price, features, functions, life cycle costs, experience, and other criteria deemed appropriate by the department.

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(d) The Legislature recognizes that the design-build entity is charged with performing both design and construction. Because a design-build contract may be awarded prior to the completion of the design, it is often impracticable for the design-build entity to list all subcontractors at the time of the award. As a result, the subcontractor listing requirements contained in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code can create a conflict with the implementation of the design-build process by requiring all subcontractors to be listed at a time when a sufficient set of plans may not be available. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a clear process for the selection and award of subcontracts entered into pursuant to this section in a manner that retains protection for subcontractors while enabling design-build projects to be administered in an efficient fashion. Therefore, all of the following requirements shall apply to subcontractors, licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, that are employed on design-build projects undertaken pursuant to this section:

(1) The department, in each design-build solicitation package, may identify types of subcontractors, by subcontractor license classification, that will be listed by the design-build entity at the time of the bid. In selecting the subcontractors that will be listed by the design-build entity, the department shall limit the identification to only those license classifications deemed essential for proper completion of the project. In no event, however, may the department specify more than five licensed subcontractor classifications. In addition, at its discretion, the design-build entity may list an additional two subcontractors, identified by subcontractor license classification, that will perform design or construction work, or both, on the project. In no event shall the design-build entity list at the time of bid a total amount of subcontractors that will perform design or construction work, or both, in a total of more than seven subcontractor license classifications on a project. All subcontractors that are listed at the time of bid shall be afforded all of the protection contained in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code. All subcontracts that were not listed by the design-build entity at the time of bid shall be awarded in accordance with paragraph (2).

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(2) All subcontracts that were not to be performed by the design-build entity in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be competitively bid and awarded by the design-build entity, in accordance with the design-build process set forth by the department in the design-build solicitation package. The design-build entity shall do all of the following:

- (A) Provide public notice of the availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with Section 10140 of the Public Contract Code.
- (B) Provide a fixed date and time on which the subcontracted work will be awarded in accordance with Section 10141 of the Public Contract Code.
- (C) As authorized by the department, establish reasonable prequalification criteria and standards, limited in scope to those detailed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (c).
- (D) Provide that the subcontracted work shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (e) This section shall not be construed and is not intended to extend or limit the authority specified in Section 19130.
- (f) Any design-build entity that is selected to design and construct a project pursuant to this section shall possess or obtain sufficient bonding consistent with applicable provisions of the Public Contract Code. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a general or engineering contractor from being designated the lead entity on a design-build entity for the purposes of purchasing necessary bonding to cover the activities of the design-build entity.
- (g) Any payment or performance bond written for the purposes of this section shall use a bond form developed by the department. In developing the bond form, the department shall consult with the surety industry to achieve a bond form that is consistent with surety industry standards, while protecting the interests of the state.
- SEC. 3. Section 14661.1 of the Government Code is repealed. 14661.1. (a) For purposes of this section, the definitions in subdivision (a) of Section 13332.19 shall apply. For purposes of subdivision (a) of Section 13332.19, references to the Department of General Services shall be deemed to be references to the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as applicable.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the Public Contract Code or any other provision of law, when the Legislature appropriates

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1 funds for a specific project, or for any project using funds
2 appropriated pursuant to Chapter 3.2.1 (commencing with Section
3 15819.40) or 3.2.2 (commencing with Section 15819.41) of Part
4 10b, the Director of General Services or the Secretary of the
5 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as appropriate, may
6 contract and procure state office facilities and prison facilities
7 pursuant to this section.

- (c) Prior to contracting with a design-build entity for the procurement of a state office facility or prison facility under this section, the Director of General Services or the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall:
- (1) Prepare a program setting forth the performance criteria for the design-build project. The performance criteria shall be prepared by a design professional duly licensed and registered in the State of California.
- (2) (A) Establish a competitive prequalification and selection process for design-build entities, including any subcontractors listed at the time of bid, that clearly specifies the prequalification eriteria, and states the manner in which the winning design-build entity will be selected.
- (B) Prequalification shall be limited to consideration of all of the following criteria:
- (i) Possession of all required licenses, registration, and eredentials in good standing that are required to design and construct the project.
- (ii) Submission of evidence that establishes that the design-build entity members have completed, or demonstrated the capability to complete, projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project.
- (iii) Submission of a proposed project management plan that establishes that the design-build entity has the experience, competence, and capacity needed to effectively complete the project.
- (iv) Submission of evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance, as well as a financial statement that assures the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections

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and Rehabilitation that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.

- (v) Provision of a declaration certifying that applying members of the design-build entity have not had a surety company finish work on any project within the last five years.
- (vi) Provision of information and a declaration providing detail concerning all of the following:
- (I) Any construction or design claim or litigation totaling more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or 5 percent of the annual value of work performed, whichever is less, settled against any member of the design-build entity over the last five years.
- (II) Serious violations of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, as provided in Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code, settled against any member of the design-build entity.
- (III) Violations of federal or state law, including, but not limited to, those laws governing the payment of wages, benefits, or personal income tax withholding, of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) withholding requirements, state disability insurance withholding, or unemployment insurance payment requirements, settled against any member of the design-build entity over the last five years. For purposes of this subclause, only violations by a design-build member as an employer shall be deemed applicable, unless it is shown that the design-build entity member, in his or her capacity as an employer, had knowledge of his or her subcontractor's violations or failed to comply with the conditions set forth in subdivision (b) of Section 1775 of the Labor Code.
- (IV) Information required by Section 10162 of the Public Contract Code.
- (V) Violations of the Contractors' State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code), excluding alleged violations or complaints.
- (VI) Any conviction of any member of the design-build entity of submitting a false or fraudulent claim to a public agency over the last five years.
- (vii) Provision of a declaration that the design-build entity will comply with all other provisions of law applicable to the project, including, but not limited to, the requirements of Chapter 1

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1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code.

- (C) The Director of General Services or the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, when requested by the design-build entity, shall hold in confidence any information required by clauses (i) to (vi), inclusive, of subparagraph (B).
- (D) Any declaration required under subparagraph (B) shall state that reasonable diligence has been used in its preparation and that it is true and complete to the best of the signer's knowledge. A person who certifies as true any material matter that he or she knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by not more than one year in a county jail, by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by both the fine and imprisonment.
- (3) (A) Determine, as he or she deems in the best interests of the state, which of the following methods listed in subparagraph (B) will be used as the process for the winning design-build entity. He or she shall provide a notification to the State Public Works Board, regarding the method selected for determining the winning design-build entity, at least 30 days prior to publicizing the design-build solicitation package.
- (B) The Director of General Services or the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall make his or her determination by choosing one of the following methods:
- (i) A design-build competition based upon performance, price, and other criteria set forth by the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the design-build solicitation package. The Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall establish technical criteria and methodology, including price, to evaluate proposals and shall describe the criteria and methodology in the design-build solicitation package. Award shall be made to the design-build entity whose proposal is judged as providing the best value in meeting the interests of the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and meeting the objectives of the project. A project with an approved budget of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more may be awarded pursuant to this clause.
- (ii) A design-build competition based upon performance and other criteria set forth by the Department of General Services or

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the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the design-build solicitation package. Criteria used in this evaluation of proposals may include, but need not be limited to, items such as proposed design approach, life-cycle costs, project features, and functions. However, any criteria and methods used to evaluate proposals shall be limited to those contained in the design-build solicitation package. Award shall be made to the design-build entity whose proposal is judged as providing the best value, for the lowest price, meeting the interests of the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and meeting the objectives of the project. A project with an approved budget of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more may be awarded pursuant to this clause.

- (iii) A design-build competition based upon program requirements and a detailed scope of work, including any performance criteria and concept drawings set forth by the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the design-build solicitation package. Award shall be made on the basis of the lowest responsible bid. A project with an approved budget of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or more may be awarded pursuant to this clause.
- (4) For purposes of this subdivision, the following definitions shall apply:
- (A) "Best interest of the state" means a design-build process that is projected by the Director of General Services or the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to reduce the project delivery schedule and total cost of a project while maintaining a high level of quality workmanship and materials, when compared to the traditional design-bid-build process.
- (B) "Best value" means a value determined by objective criteria that may include, but are not limited to, price, features, functions, life-cycle costs, experience, and other criteria deemed appropriate by the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- (d) The Legislature recognizes that the design-build entity is charged with performing both design and construction. Because a design-build contract may be awarded prior to the completion of the design, it is often impracticable for the design-build entity to list all subcontractors at the time of the award. As a result, the

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1 subcontractor listing requirements contained in Chapter 4 2 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the 3 Public Contract Code can create a conflict with the implementation 4 of the design-build process by requiring all subcontractors to be 5 listed at a time when a sufficient set of plans shall not be available. 6 It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a clear process for 7 the selection and award of subcontracts entered into pursuant to 8 this section in a manner that retains protection for subcontractors 9 while enabling design-build projects to be administered in an efficient fashion. Therefore, all of the following requirements shall 10 apply to subcontractors, licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 11 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business 12 13 and Professions Code, that are employed on design-build projects 14 undertaken pursuant to this section:

(1) The Department of General Services and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, in each design-build solicitation package, may identify types of subcontractors, by subcontractor license classification, that will be listed by the design-build entity at the time of the bid. In selecting the subcontractors that will be listed by the design-build entity, the Department of General Services and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall limit the identification to only those license classifications deemed essential for proper completion of the project. In no event, however, may the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation specify more than five licensed subcontractor classifications. In addition, at its discretion, the design-build entity may list an additional two subcontractors, identified by subcontractor license classification, that will perform design or construction work, or both, on the project. In no event shall the design-build entity list at the time of bid a total number of subcontractors that will perform design or construction work, or both, in a total of more than seven subcontractor license classifications on a project. All subcontractors that are listed at the time of bid shall be afforded all of the protection contained in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code. All subcontracts that were not listed by the design-build entity at the time of bid shall be awarded in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) All subcontracts that were not to be performed by the design-build entity in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be

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competitively bid and awarded by the design-build entity, in accordance with the design-build process set forth by the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the design-build solicitation package. The design-build entity shall do all of the following:

- (A) Provide public notice of the availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with Section 10140 of the Public Contract Code.
- (B) Provide a fixed date and time on which the subcontracted work will be awarded in accordance with Section 10141 of the Public Contract Code.
- (C) As authorized by the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, establish reasonable prequalification criteria and standards, limited in scope to those detailed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e).
- (D) Provide that the subcontracted work shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (e) This section shall not be construed and is not intended to extend or limit the authority specified in Section 19130.
- (f) Any design-build entity that is selected to design and construct a project pursuant to this section shall possess or obtain sufficient bonding consistent with applicable provisions of the Public Contract Code. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a general or engineering contractor from being designated the lead entity on a design-build entity for the purposes of purchasing necessary bonding to cover the activities of the design-build entity.
- (g) Any payment or performance bond written for the purposes of this section shall use a bond form developed by the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. In developing the bond form, the Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall consult with the surety industry to achieve a bond form that is consistent with surety industry standards, while protecting the interests of the state.
- (h) The Department of General Services or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as appropriate, shall each submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, before January 1, 2014, a report containing a description of each public works project procured by that department through the design-build process described in this section that is completed after January 1, 2009,

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and before December 1, 2013. The report shall include, but shall
 not be limited to, all of the following information:

(1) The type of project.

- (2) The gross square footage of the project.
- 5 (3) The design-build entity that was awarded the project.
  - (4) The estimated and actual project costs.
- 7 (5) An assessment of the pregualification process and criteria.
  - (6) An assessment of the effect of any retention on the project made under the law.
  - (7) A description of the method used to award the contract. If the best value method was used, the report shall describe the factors used to evaluate the bid, including the weighting of each factor and an assessment of the effectiveness of the methodology.
  - (i) The authority provided under this section shall be in addition to the authority provided to the Department of General Services pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 252 of the Statutes of 1998, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 154 of the Statutes of 2007. The authority under this section and Section 70391.7 shall apply to a total of not more than five state office facilities, prison facilities, or court facilities, which shall be determined pursuant to this subdivision.
  - (1) In order to enter into a contract utilizing the procurement method authorized under this section, the Director of General Services or the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall submit a request to the Department of Finance.
  - (2) The Department of Finance shall make a determination whether to approve or deny a request made pursuant to paragraph (1) if the design-build project requested will not exceed the five facilities maximum set forth in this section and Section 70391.7.
  - (3) After receiving notification that the Department of Finance has approved the request and that the Legislature has appropriated funds for a specific project, the director or secretary may enter into a design-build contract under this section.
  - (j) Nothing in this section is intended to affect, expand, alter, or limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under the law.
- 36 SEC. 4. Section 32132.5 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 38 32132.5. (a) Notwithstanding Section 32132 or any other 39 provision of law, upon approval by the board of directors of the 40 Sonoma Valley Health Care District, the design-build procedure

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described in Section 20133 Article 6 (commencing with Section 10186) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code may be used to assign contracts for the construction of a building or improvements directly related to construction of a hospital or health facility building at the Sonoma Valley Hospital.

- (b) For purposes of this section, all references in Section 20133 Article 6 (commencing with Section 10186) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code to "county" and "board of supervisors" "governing body" shall mean the Sonoma Valley Health Care District-and its board of directors.
- (c) A hospital building project utilizing the design-build process authorized by subdivision (a) shall be reviewed and inspected in accordance with the standards and requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 129675) of Part 7 of Division 107).
- SEC. 5. Article 6 (commencing with Section 10186) is added to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, to read:

## Article 6. State Agency Design-Build Projects

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- 10186. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the design-build method of project delivery, using a best value procurement methodology, has been authorized for various agencies that have reported benefits from such projects including reduced project costs, expedited project completion, and design features that are not achievable through the traditional design-bid-build method.
  - (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the following occur:
- (1) This article provides general authorization for certain state agencies to use design-build for projects, excluding projects on the state highway system.
- (2) This article shall not be deemed to provide a preference for the design-build method over other procurement methodologies.
- 10187. For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:
- (a) "Best value" means a value determined by evaluation of proposals with reference to specified criteria objectively applied, including, but not limited to, price, quality of technical proposals, qualifications of key personnel, and other criteria deemed

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appropriate by the director. A best value determination may entail selection of the lowest priced technically acceptable proposals or selection of the best proposal for a fixed price established by the procuring agency, or it may consist of a tradeoff between price and other specified factors.

- (b) "Construction subcontract" means each subcontract awarded by the design-build entity to a subcontractor that will perform work or labor or render service to the design-build entity in or about the construction of the work or improvement, or a subcontractor licensed by the State of California that, under subcontract to the design-build entity, specially fabricates and installs a portion of the work or improvement according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications produced by the design-build team.
- (c) "Department" means the Department of General Services and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- (d) "Design-build" means a project delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity.
- (e) "Design-build entity" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, or other legal entity that is able to provide appropriately licensed contracting, architectural, and engineering services as needed pursuant to a design-build contract.
- (f) "Design-build team" means the design-build entity itself and the individuals and other entities identified by the design-build entity as members of its team.
- (g) "Director" means, with respect to procurements undertaken by the Department of General Services, the Director of General Services or, with respect to procurements undertaken by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the secretary of that department.
- 10188. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the director, following notification to the State Public Works Board, may procure design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), awarding the contract using either the low bid or best value, provided that this article shall not apply to any projects on the state highway system.
- (b) The director shall develop guidelines for a standard organizational conflict-of-interest policy, consistent with applicable law, regarding the ability of a person or entity, that performs

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services for the department relating to the solicitation of a design-build project, to submit a proposal as a design-build entity, or to join a design-build team. This conflict-of-interest policy shall apply to each department entering into design-build contracts authorized under this article.

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- 10189. (a) For contracts for public works projects awarded on or after the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, the department shall reimburse the Department of Industrial Relations for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing prevailing wage monitoring and enforcement on public works projects pursuant to rates established by the department as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. All moneys collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund, created by Section 1771.3 of the Labor Code, and shall, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, be used only for enforcement of prevailing wage requirements on those projects.
- (b) In lieu of reimbursing the Department of Industrial Relations for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing monitoring and enforcement on public works projects, the department may elect to continue operating an existing previously approved labor compliance program to monitor and enforce prevailing wage requirements on the project if it has either not contracted with a third party to conduct its labor compliance program and requests and receives approval from the department to continue its existing program or it enters into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all of the contractors performing work on the project and that includes a mechanism for resolving disputes about the payment of wages.
- 10190. The director shall notify the State Public Works Board regarding the method to be used for selecting the design-build entity, prior to advertising the design-build project.
- 10191. The procurement process for the design-build projects shall progress as follows:
- (a) The director shall prepare a set of documents setting forth the scope and estimated price of the project. The documents may include, but need not be limited to, the size, type, and desired design character of the project, performance specifications covering the quality of materials, equipment, workmanship, preliminary

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plans or building layouts, or any other information deemed necessary to describe adequately the department's needs. The performance specifications and any plans shall be prepared by a design professional who is duly licensed and registered in California.

- (b) Based on the documents prepared under subdivision (a), the director shall prepare and issue a request for qualifications in order to prequalify or short-list the design-build entities whose proposals shall be evaluated for final selection. The request for qualifications shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements:
- (1) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the expected cost range, the methodology that will be used by the department to evaluate proposals, the procedure for final selection of the design-build entity, and any other information deemed necessary by the director to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity.
- (2) (A) Significant factors that the department reasonably expects to consider in evaluating qualifications, including technical design and construction expertise, skilled labor force availability, and all other nonprice-related factors.
- (B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), skilled labor force availability shall be deemed satisfied by the existence of an agreement with a registered apprenticeship program, approved by the California Apprenticeship Council, that has graduated at least one apprentice in each of the preceding five years. This graduation requirement shall not apply to programs providing apprenticeship training for any craft that was first deemed by the federal Department of Labor and the Department of Industrial Relations to be an apprenticeable craft within the five years prior to the effective date of this article.
- (3) A standard template request for statements of qualifications prepared by the department. In preparing the standard template, the department may consult with the construction industry, the building trades and surety industry, and other agencies interested in using the authorization provided by this article. The template shall require the following information:
- (A) If the design-build entity is a privately held corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or joint venture, a listing of all of the shareholders, partners, or members known at the time

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of statement of qualification submission who will perform work on the project.

- (B) Evidence that the members of the design-build team have completed, or demonstrated the experience, competency, capability, and capacity to complete projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project, and a financial statement that ensures that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.
- (C) The licenses, registration, and credentials required to design and construct the project, including, but not limited to, information on the revocation or suspension of any license, credential, or registration.
- (D) Evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance.
- (E) Information concerning workers' compensation experience history and a worker safety program.
- (F) If the proposed design-build entity is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, or other legal entity, a copy of the organizational documents or agreement committing to form the organization.
- (G) An acceptable safety record. A proposer's safety record shall be deemed acceptable if its experience modification rate for the most recent three-year period is an average of 1.00 or less, and its average total recordable injury or illness rate and average lost work rate for the most recent three-year period does not exceed the applicable statistical standards for its business category or if the proposer is a party to an alternative dispute resolution system as provided for in Section 3201.5 of the Labor Code.
- (4) (A) The information required under this subdivision shall be certified under penalty of perjury by the design-build entity and its general partners or joint venture members.
- (B) Information required under this subdivision that is not otherwise a public record under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code) shall not be open to public inspection.

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(c) Based on the documents prepared as described in subdivision (a), the director shall prepare a request for proposals that invites prequalified or short-listed entities to submit competitive sealed proposals in the manner prescribed by the department. The request for proposals shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements:

- (1) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the estimated cost of the project, the methodology that will be used by the department to evaluate proposals, whether the contract will be awarded on the basis of low bid or best value, and any other information deemed necessary by the department to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity.
- (2) Significant factors that the department reasonably expects to consider in evaluating proposals, including, but not limited to, cost or price and all nonprice-related factors.
- (3) The relative importance or the weight assigned to each of the factors identified in the request for proposals.
- (4) Where a best value selection method is used, the department may reserve the right to request proposal revisions and hold discussions and negotiations with responsive proposers, in which case the department shall so specify in the request for proposals and shall publish separately or incorporate into the request for proposals applicable procedures to be observed by the department to ensure that any discussions or negotiations are conducted in good faith.
- (d) For those projects utilizing low bid as the final selection method, the competitive bidding process shall result in lump-sum bids by the prequalified or short-listed design-build entities, and awards shall be made to the design-build entity that is the lowest responsible bidder.
- (e) For those projects utilizing best value as a selection method, the design-build competition shall progress as follows:
- (1) Competitive proposals shall be evaluated by using only the criteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the request for proposals.
- (2) Pursuant to subdivision (c), the department may hold discussions or negotiations with responsive proposers using the process articulated in the department's request for proposals.
- (3) When the evaluation is complete, the responsive proposers shall be ranked based on a determination of value provided,

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provided that no more than three proposers are required to be ranked.

- (4) The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible design-build entity whose proposal is determined by the director to have offered the best value to the public.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, upon issuance of a contract award, the director shall publicly announce its award, identifying the design-build entity to which the award is made, along with a written decision supporting its contract award and stating the basis of the award.
- (6) The written decision supporting the director's contract award, described in paragraph (5), and the contract file shall provide sufficient information to satisfy an external audit.
- 10192. (a) The design-build entity shall provide payment and performance bonds for the project in the form and in the amount required by the director, and issued by a California admitted surety. The amount of the payment bond shall not be less than the amount of the performance bond.
- (b) The design-build contract shall require errors and omissions insurance coverage for the design elements of the project.
- (c) The department shall develop a standard form of payment and performance bond for its design-build projects.
- 10193. (a) The department, in each design-build request for proposals, may identify specific types of subcontractors that must be included in the design-build entity statement of qualifications and proposal. All construction subcontractors that are identified in the proposal shall be afforded all the protections of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1.
- (b) Following award of the design-build contract, the design-build entity shall proceed as follows in awarding construction subcontracts with a value exceeding one-half of 1 percent of the contract price allocable to construction work:
- (1) Provide public notice of availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with the publication requirements applicable to the competitive bidding process of the department, including a fixed date and time on which qualifications statements, bids, or proposals will be due.
  - (2) Establish reasonable qualification criteria and standards.
- (3) Award the subcontract either on a best value basis or to the lowest responsible bidder. The process may include prequalification

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or short-listing. The foregoing process does not apply to construction subcontractors listed in the original proposal. Subcontractors awarded construction subcontracts under this subdivision shall be afforded all the protections of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1.

- 10194. (a) If the department elects to award a project pursuant to this article, retention proceeds withheld by the department from the design-build entity shall not exceed 5 percent, except as otherwise specified in this section.
- (b) (1) In a contract between the design-build entity and the subcontractor, and in a contract between a subcontractor and any subcontractor thereunder, the percentage of the retention proceeds withheld may not exceed the percentage specified in the contract between the department and the design-build entity.
- (2) This subdivision shall not apply if the design-build entity provides written notice to any subcontractor that is not a member of the design-build entity, prior to, or at the time the bid is requested from the subcontractor, that a bond may be required and the subcontractor subsequently is unable or refuses to furnish a bond to the design-build entity, then the design-build entity may withhold retention proceeds in excess of the percentage specified in the contract between the department and the design-build entity from any payment made by the design-build entity to the subcontractor.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the retention proceeds withheld from any payment by a department from the original design-build entity, by the original design-build entity contractor from any subcontractor, and by a subcontractor from any subcontractor thereunder, may exceed 5 percent on specific projects where the director has made a finding prior to the proposal due date that the project is substantially complex and therefore requires a higher retention amount than 5 percent, and the department includes both this finding and the actual retention amount in the procurement documents.
- 10194. Nothing in this article affects, expands, alters, or limits any rights or remedies otherwise available at law.
- SEC. 6. Section 20133 of the Public Contract Code is repealed. 20133. (a) A county, with approval of the board of supervisors, may utilize an alternative procedure for bidding on construction projects in the county in excess of two million five

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hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) and may award the project using either the lowest responsible bidder or by best value.

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- (b) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to enable counties to utilize design-build for buildings and county sanitation wastewater treatment facilities. It is not the intent of the Legislature to authorize this procedure for other infrastructure, including, but not limited to, streets and highways, public rail transit, or water resources facilities and infrastructures.
- (2) The Legislature also finds and declares that utilizing a design-build contract requires a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each participant in the design-build process.
- (3) (A) For contracts for public works projects awarded prior to the effective date of regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, if the board of supervisors elects to proceed under this section, the board of supervisors shall establish and enforce a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, or it shall contract with a third party to operate a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. This requirement shall not apply to any projects where the county or the design-build entity has entered into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all of the contractors performing work on the projects.
- (B) For contracts for public works projects awarded on or after the effective date of regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, the board of supervisors shall reimburse the department for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing prevailing wage monitoring and enforcement on public works projects pursuant to rates established by the department as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. All moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund created by Section 1771.3 of the Labor Code, and shall be used only for enforcement of prevailing wage requirements on those projects.
- (C) In lieu of reimbursing the Department of Industrial Relations for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing monitoring and enforcement on public works projects, the board of supervisors may elect to continue operating an existing

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previously approved labor compliance program to monitor and enforce prevailing wage requirements on the project if it has either not contracted with a third party to conduct its labor compliance program and requests and receives approval from the department to continue its existing program or it enters into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all of the contractors performing work on the project and that includes a mechanism for resolving disputes about the payment of wages.

(c) As used in this section:

- (1) "Best value" means a value determined by objective criteria related to price, features, functions, and life-cycle costs.
- (2) "Design-build" means a procurement process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity.
- (3) "Design-build entity" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that is able to provide appropriately licensed contracting, architectural, and engineering services as needed pursuant to a design-build contract.
- (4) "Project" means the construction of a building and improvements directly related to the construction of a building, and county sanitation wastewater treatment facilities, but does not include the construction of other infrastructure, including, but not limited to, streets and highways, public rail transit, or water resources facilities and infrastructure.
- (d) Design-build projects shall progress in a four-step process, as follows:
- (1) (A) The county shall prepare a set of documents setting forth the scope of the project. The documents may include, but are not limited to, the size, type, and desired design character of the public improvement, performance specifications covering the quality of materials, equipment, and workmanship, preliminary plans or building layouts, or any other information deemed necessary to describe adequately the county's needs. The performance specifications and any plans shall be prepared by a design professional who is duly licensed and registered in California.
- (B) Any architect or engineer retained by the county to assist in the development of the project specific documents shall not be eligible to participate in the preparation of a bid with any design-build entity for that project.

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(2) (A) Based on the documents prepared in paragraph (1), the county shall prepare a request for proposals that invites interested parties to submit competitive sealed proposals in the manner prescribed by the county. The request for proposals shall include, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- (i) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the expected cost range, and other information deemed necessary by the county to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity, to include the methodology that will be used by the county to evaluate proposals and specifically if the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (ii) Significant objective factors that the county reasonably expects to consider in evaluating proposals, including cost or price and all nonprice related factors.
- (iii) The relative importance of weight assigned to each of the factors identified in the request for proposals.
- (B) With respect to clause (iii) of subparagraph (A), if a nonweighted system is used, the agency shall specifically disclose whether all evaluation factors other than cost or price when combined are:
  - (i) Significantly more important than cost or price.
  - (ii) Approximately equal in importance to cost or price.
  - (iii) Significantly less important than cost or price.
- (C) If the county chooses to reserve the right to hold discussions or negotiations with responsive bidders, it shall so specify in the request for proposal and shall publish separately or incorporate into the request for proposal applicable rules and procedures to be observed by the county to ensure that any discussions or negotiations are conducted in good faith.
- (3) (A) The county shall establish a procedure to prequalify design-build entities using a standard questionnaire developed by the county. In preparing the questionnaire, the county shall consult with the construction industry, including representatives of the building trades and surety industry. This questionnaire shall require information including, but not limited to, all of the following:
- (i) If the design-build entity is a partnership, limited partnership, or other association, a listing of all of the partners, general partners, or association members known at the time of bid submission who will participate in the design-build contract, including, but not limited to, mechanical subcontractors.

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(ii) Evidence that the members of the design-build entity have completed, or demonstrated the experience, competency, capability, and capacity to complete, projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project, as well as a financial statement that assures the county that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.

- (iii) The licenses, registration, and credentials required to design and construct the project, including information on the revocation or suspension of any license, credential, or registration.
- (iv) Evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance.
- (v) Any prior serious or willful violation of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, contained in Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code, or the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596), settled against any member of the design-build entity, and information concerning workers' compensation experience history and worker safety program.
- (vi) Information concerning any debarment, disqualification, or removal from a federal, state, or local government public works project. Any instance in which an entity, its owners, officers, or managing employees submitted a bid on a public works project and were found to be nonresponsive, or were found by an awarding body not to be a responsible bidder.
- (vii) Any instance in which the entity, or its owners, officers, or managing employees, defaulted on a construction contract.
- (viii) Any violations of the Contractors' State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code), excluding alleged violations of federal or state law including the payment of wages, benefits, apprenticeship requirements, or personal income tax withholding, or of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA; 26 U.S.C. Sec. 3101 et seq.) withholding requirements settled against any member of the design-build entity.
- (ix) Information concerning the bankruptcy or receivership of any member of the design-build entity, including information concerning any work completed by a surety.

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(x) Information concerning all settled adverse claims, disputes, or lawsuits between the owner of a public works project and any member of the design-build entity during the five years preceding submission of a bid pursuant to this section, in which the claim, settlement, or judgment exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Information shall also be provided concerning any work completed by a surety during this period.

- (xi) In the case of a partnership or an association that is not a legal entity, a copy of the agreement creating the partnership or association and specifying that all partners or association members agree to be fully liable for the performance under the design-build contract.
- (xii) (I) Any instance in which the entity, or any of its members, owners, officers, or managing employees was, during the five years preceding submission of a bid pursuant to this section, determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have submitted, or legally admitted for purposes of a criminal plea to have submitted either of the following:
- (ia) Any claim to any public agency or official in violation of the federal False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Sec. 3729 et seq.).
- (ib) Any claim to any public official in violation of the California False Claims Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 12650) of Chapter 6 of Part 2 of Division 3 of the Government Code).
- (II) Information provided pursuant to this subdivision shall include the name and number of any case filed, the court in which it was filed, and the date on which it was filed. The entity may also provide further information regarding any such instance, including any mitigating or extenuating circumstances that the entity wishes the county to consider.
- (B) The information required pursuant to this subdivision shall be verified under oath by the entity and its members in the manner in which civil pleadings in civil actions are verified. Information that is not a public record pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code) shall not be open to public inspection.
- (4) The county shall establish a procedure for final selection of the design-build entity. Selection shall be based on either of the following criteria:

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(A) A competitive bidding process resulting in lump-sum bids by the prequalified design-build entities. Awards shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder.

- (B) A county may use a design-build competition based upon best value and other criteria set forth in paragraph (2). The design-build competition shall include the following elements:
- (i) Competitive proposals shall be evaluated by using only the criteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the request for proposal. However, the following minimum factors shall each represent at least 10 percent of the total weight of consideration given to all criteria factors: price, technical design, and construction expertise, life cycle costs over 15 years or more, skilled labor force availability, and acceptable safety record.
- (ii) Once the evaluation is complete, the top three responsive bidders shall be ranked sequentially from the most advantageous to the least.
- (iii) The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible bidder whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any provision of this code, upon issuance of a contract award, the county shall publicly announce its award, identifying the contractor to whom the award is made, along with a written decision supporting its contract award and stating the basis of the award. The notice of award shall also include the county's second and third ranked design-build entities.
- (v) For purposes of this paragraph, "skilled labor force availability" shall be determined by the existence of an agreement with a registered apprenticeship program, approved by the California Apprenticeship Council, which has graduated apprentices in each of the preceding five years. This graduation requirement shall not apply to programs providing apprenticeship training for any craft that has been deemed by the Department of Labor and the Department of Industrial Relations to be an apprenticeable craft in the five years prior to enactment of this act.
- (vi) For purposes of this paragraph, a bidder's "safety record" shall be deemed "acceptable" if its experience modification rate for the most recent three-year period is an average of 1.00 or less, and its average total recordable injury/illness rate and average lost work rate for the most recent three-year period does not exceed the applicable statistical standards for its business category or if

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the bidder is a party to an alternative dispute resolution system as provided for in Section 3201.5 of the Labor Code.

- (e) (1) Any design-build entity that is selected to design and build a project pursuant to this section shall possess or obtain sufficient bonding to cover the contract amount for nondesign services, and errors and omission insurance coverage sufficient to eover all design and architectural services provided in the contract. This section does not prohibit a general or engineering contractor from being designated the lead entity on a design-build entity for the purposes of purchasing necessary bonding to cover the activities of the design-build entity.
- (2) Any payment or performance bond written for the purposes of this section shall be written using a bond form developed by the county.
- (f) All subcontractors that were not listed by the design-build entity in accordance with clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) shall be awarded by the design-build entity in accordance with the design-build process set forth by the county in the design-build package. All subcontractors bidding on contracts pursuant to this section shall be afforded the protections contained in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1. The design-build entity shall do both of the following:
- (1) Provide public notice of the availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with the publication requirements applicable to the competitive bidding process of the county.
- (2) Provide a fixed date and time on which the subcontracted work will be awarded in accordance with the procedure established pursuant to this section.
- (g) Lists of subcontractors, bidders, and bid awards relating to the project shall be submitted by the design-build entity to the awarding body within 14 days of the award. These documents are deemed to be public records and shall be available for public inspection pursuant to this chapter and Article 1 (commencing with Section 6250) of Chapter 3.5 of Division 7 of the Government Code.
- (h) The minimum performance criteria and design standards established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) shall be adhered to by the design-build entity. Any deviations from those standards may only be allowed by written consent of the county.

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(i) The county may retain the services of a design professional or construction project manager, or both, throughout the course of the project in order to ensure compliance with this section.

- (j) Contracts awarded pursuant to this section shall be valid until the project is completed.
- (k) Nothing in this section is intended to affect, expand, alter, or limit any rights or remedies otherwise available at law.
- (1) (1) If the county elects to award a project pursuant to this section, retention proceeds withheld by the county from the design-build entity shall not exceed 5 percent if a performance and payment bond, issued by an admitted surety insurer, is required in the solicitation of bids.
- (2) In a contract between the design-build entity and the subcontractor, and in a contract between a subcontractor and any subcontractor thereunder, the percentage of the retention proceeds withheld may not exceed the percentage specified in the contract between the county and the design-build entity. If the design-build entity provides written notice to any subcontractor who is not a member of the design-build entity, prior to or at the time the bid is requested, that a bond may be required and the subcontractor subsequently is unable or refuses to furnish a bond to the design-build entity, then the design-build entity may withhold retention proceeds in excess of the percentage specified in the contract between the county and the design-build entity from any payment made by the design-build entity to the subcontractor.
- (m) Each county that elects to proceed under this section and uses the design-build method on a public works project shall submit to the Legislative Analyst's Office before September 1, 2013, a report containing a description of each public works project procured through the design-build process and completed after November 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2013. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following information:
  - (1) The type of project.
  - (2) The gross square footage of the project.
- (3) The design-build entity that was awarded the project.
- 36 (4) The estimated and actual length of time to complete the project.
  - (5) The estimated and actual project costs.
- 39 (6) Whether the project was met or altered.
- 40 (7) The number and amount of project change orders.

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(8) A description of any written protests concerning any aspect of the solicitation, bid, proposal, or award of the design-build project, including the resolution of the protests.

- (9) An assessment of the prequalification process and criteria.
- (10) An assessment of the effect of retaining 5 percent retention on the project.
- (11) A description of the Labor Force Compliance Program and an assessment of the project impact, where required.
- (12) A description of the method used to award the contract. If best value was the method, the report shall describe the factors used to evaluate the bid, including the weighting of each factor and an assessment of the effectiveness of the methodology.
- (13) An assessment of the project impact of "skilled labor force availability."
- (14) An assessment of the design-build dollar limits on county projects. This assessment shall include projects where the county wanted to use design-build and was precluded by the dollar limitation. This assessment shall also include projects where the best value method was not used due to dollar limitations.
- (15) An assessment of the most appropriate uses for the design-build approach.
- (n) Any county that elects not to use the authority granted by this section may submit a report to the Legislative Analyst's Office explaining why the county elected not to use the design-build method.
- (o) On or before January 1, 2014, the Legislative Analyst shall report to the Legislature on the use of the design-build method by counties pursuant to this section, including the information listed in subdivision (m) and (p). The report may include recommendations for modifying or extending this section.
- (p) The Legislative Analyst shall complete a fact-based analysis of the use of the design-build method by counties pursuant to this section, utilizing the information provided pursuant to subdivision (m) and any independent information provided by the public or interested parties. The Legislative Analyst shall select a representative sample of projects under this section and review available public records and reports, media reports, and related information in its analysis. The Legislative Analyst shall compile the information required to be analyzed pursuant to this subdivision into a report, which shall be provided to the Legislature. The report

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shall include conclusions describing the actual cost of projects procured pursuant to this section, whether the project schedule 3 was met or altered, and whether projects needed or used project 4 change orders.

- (q) Except as provided in this section, this act shall not be construed to affect the application of any other law.
- (r) This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2014, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before July 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 7. Section 20175.2 of the Public Contract Code is repealed.
- 20175.2. (a) (1) A city, with approval of the appropriate city council, may utilize an alternative procedure for bidding on building construction projects in the city in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), except as provided in subdivision (p).
- (2) Cities may award the project using either the lowest responsible bidder or by best value.
- (b) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to enable cities to utilize cost-effective options for building and modernizing public facilities. The Legislature also recognizes the national trend, including authorization in California, to allow public entities to utilize design-build contracts as a project delivery method. It is not the intent of the Legislature to authorize this procedure for transportation facilities, including, but not limited to, roads and bridges.
- (2) The Legislature also finds and declares that utilizing a design-build contract requires a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each participant in the design-build process. The Legislature also finds that the cost-effective benefits to cities are achieved by shifting the liability and risk for cost containment and project completion to the design-build entity.
- (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide an alternative and optional procedure for bidding and building construction projects for cities.
- (4) The design-build approach may be used, but is not limited to use, when it is anticipated that it will: reduce project cost, expedite project completion, or provide design features not achievable through the design-bid-build method.
- (5) (A) For contracts for public works projects awarded prior to the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department

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of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, if a city council elects to proceed under this section, the city council shall establish and enforce a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, or it shall contract with a third party to operate a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. This requirement shall not apply to any project where the city or the design-build entity has entered into a collective bargaining agreement or agreements that bind all of the contractors performing work on the projects.

- (B) For contracts for public works projects awarded on or after the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, the city council shall reimburse the department for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing prevailing wage monitoring and enforcement on public works projects pursuant to rates established by the department as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. All moneys collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund created by Section 1771.3 of the Labor Code, and shall be used only for enforcement of prevailing wage requirements on those projects.
- (C) In lieu of reimbursing the Department of Industrial Relations for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing monitoring and enforcement on public works projects, the city council may elect to continue operating an existing previously approved labor compliance program to monitor and enforce prevailing wage requirements on the project if it has either not contracted with a third party to conduct its labor compliance program and requests and receives approval from the department to continue its existing program or it enters into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all of the contractors performing work on the project and that includes a mechanism for resolving disputes about the payment of wages.
  - (c) As used in this section:

(1) "Best value" means a value determined by objectives relative to price, features, functions, and life-cycle costs.

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(2) "Design-build" means a procurement process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity.

- (3) "Design-build entity" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that is able to provide appropriately licensed contracting, architectural, and engineering services, as needed, pursuant to a design-build contract.
- (4) "Project" means the construction of a building and improvements directly related to the construction of a building, but does not include streets and highways, public rail transit, or water resource facilities and infrastructure.
- (d) Design-build projects shall progress in a four-step process, as follows:
- (1) (A) The city shall prepare a set of documents setting forth the scope of the project. The documents may include, but are not limited to, the size, type, and desired design character of the buildings and site, performance specifications covering the quality of materials, equipment, and workmanship, preliminary plans or building layouts, or any other information deemed necessary to describe adequately the city's needs. The performance specifications and any plans shall be prepared by a design professional who is duly licensed and registered in California.
- (B) Any architect or engineer retained by the city to assist in the development of the project-specific documents shall not be eligible to participate in the preparation of a bid with any design-build entity for that project.
- (2) (A) Based on the documents prepared in paragraph (1), the eity shall prepare a request for proposals that invites interested parties to submit competitive sealed proposals in the manner prescribed by the city. The request for proposals shall include, but is not limited to, the following elements:
- (i) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the expected cost range, and other information deemed necessary by the city to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity, to include the methodology that will be used by the city to evaluate proposals, and specifically if the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (ii) Significant objective factors which the city reasonably expects to consider in evaluating proposals, including cost or price and all nonprice related factors.

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(iii) The relative importance or weight assigned to each of the factors identified in the request for proposals.

- (B) With respect to clause (iii) of subparagraph (A), if a nonweighted system is used, the agency shall specifically disclose whether all evaluation factors, other than cost or price, when combined are:
  - (i) Significantly more important than cost or price.

- (ii) Approximately equal in importance to cost or price.
- (iii) Significantly less important than cost or price.
- (C) If the city chooses to reserve the right to hold discussions or negotiations with responsive bidders, it shall so specify in the request for proposal and shall publish separately, or incorporate into the request for proposal, applicable rules and procedures to be observed by the city to ensure that any discussions or negotiations are conducted in good faith.
- (3) (A) The city shall establish a procedure to prequalify design-build entities using a standard questionnaire developed by the city. In preparing the questionnaire, the city shall consult with the construction industry, including representatives of the building trades and surety industry. This questionnaire shall require information including, but not limited to, all of the following:
- (i) If the design-build entity is a partnership, limited partnership, or other association, a listing of all of the partners, general partners, or association members known at the time of bid submission who will participate in the design-build contract, including, but not limited to, mechanical subcontractors.
- (ii) Evidence that the members of the design-build entity have completed, or demonstrated the experience, competency, capability, and capacity to complete projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project, as well as a financial statement that assures the city that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.
- (iii) The licenses, registration, and credentials required to design and construct the project, including information on the revocation or suspension of any license, credential, or registration.
- (iv) Evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance.

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(v) Any prior serious or willful violation of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, contained in Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code or the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596) settled against any member of the design-build entity, and information concerning workers' compensation experience history and worker safety program.

- (vi) Information concerning any debarment, disqualification, or removal from a federal, state, or local government public works project. Any instance where an entity, its owners, officers, or managing employees submitted a bid on a public works project and were found to be nonresponsive, or were found by an awarding body not to be a responsible bidder.
- (vii) Any instance where the entity, its owners, officers, or managing employees defaulted on a construction contract.
- (viii) Any violations of the Contractors State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code), excluding alleged violations of federal or state law including the payment of wages, benefits, apprenticeship requirements, or personal income tax withholding, or of Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) withholding requirements settled against any member of the design-build entity.
- (ix) Information concerning the bankruptcy or receivership of any member of the design-build entity, including information concerning any work completed by a surety.
- (x) Information concerning all settled adverse claims, disputes, or lawsuits between the owner of a public works project and any member of the design-build entity during the five years preceding submission of a bid pursuant to this section, in which the claim, settlement, or judgment exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Information shall also be provided concerning any work completed by a surety during this period.
- (xi) In the case of a partnership or an association that is not a legal entity, a copy of the agreement creating the partnership or association and specifying that all partners or association members agree to be fully liable for the performance under the design-build contract.
- (xii) (I) Any instance in which the entity, or any of its members, owners, officers, or managing employees was, during the five years preceding submission of a bid pursuant to this section, determined

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by a court of competent jurisdiction to have submitted, or legally admitted for purposes of a criminal plea to have submitted either of the following:

- (ia) Any claim to any public agency or official in violation of the federal False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Sec. 3729 et seq.).
- (ib) Any claim to any public official in violation of the California False Claims Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 12650) of Chapter 6 of Part 2 of Division 3 of the Government Code).
- (II) Information provided pursuant to this subdivision shall include the name and number of any case filed, the court in which it was filed, and the date on which it was filed. The entity may also provide further information regarding any such instance, including any mitigating or extenuating circumstances that the entity wishes the city to consider.
- (B) The information required pursuant to this subdivision shall be verified under oath by the entity and its members in the manner in which civil pleadings in civil actions are verified. Information that is not a public record pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code) shall not be open to public inspection.
- (4) The city shall establish a procedure for final selection of the design-build entity. Selection shall be based on either of the following criteria:
- (A) A competitive bidding process resulting in lump-sum bids by the prequalified design-build entities. Awards shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (B) The city may use a design-build competition based upon best value and other criteria set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d). The design-build competition shall include the following elements:
- (i) Competitive proposals shall be evaluated by using only the eriteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the request for proposal. However, the following minimum factors shall each represent at least 10 percent of the total weight of consideration given to all criteria factors: price, technical design and construction expertise, life-cycle costs over 15 years or more, skilled labor force availability, and acceptable safety record.

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(ii) Once the evaluation is complete, the top three responsive bidders shall be ranked sequentially from the most advantageous to the least.

- (iii) The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible bidder whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any provision of this code, upon issuance of a contract award, the city shall publicly announce its award, identifying the contractor to whom the award is made, along with a written decision supporting its contract award and stating the basis of the award. The notice of award shall also include the city's second and third ranked design-build entities.
- (v) For purposes of this paragraph, "skilled labor force availability" shall be determined by the existence of an agreement with a registered apprenticeship program, approved by the California Apprenticeship Council, which has graduated apprentices in each of the preceding five years. This graduation requirement shall not apply to programs providing apprenticeship training for any craft that has been deemed by the Department of Labor and the Department of Industrial Relations to be an apprenticeable craft in the five years prior to enactment of this act.
- (vi) For purposes of this paragraph, a bidder's "safety record" shall be deemed "acceptable" if its experience modification rate for the most recent three-year period is an average of 1.00 or less, and its average total recordable injury/illness rate and average lost work rate for the most recent three-year period does not exceed the applicable statistical standards for its business category, or if the bidder is a party to an alternative dispute resolution system, as provided for in Section 3201.5 of the Labor Code.
- (e) (1) Any design-build entity that is selected to design and build a project pursuant to this section shall possess or obtain sufficient bonding to cover the contract amount for nondesign services and errors and omissions insurance coverage sufficient to cover all design and architectural services provided in the contract. This section does not prohibit a general or engineering contractor from being designated the lead entity on a design-build entity for the purposes of purchasing necessary bonding to cover the activities of the design-build entity.

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(2) Any payment or performance bond written for the purposes of this section shall be written using a bond form developed by the city.

- (f) All subcontractors that were not listed by the design-build entity in accordance with clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) shall be awarded by the design-build entity in accordance with the design-build process set forth by the city in the design-build package. All subcontractors bidding on contracts pursuant to this section shall be afforded the protections contained in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1. The design-build entity shall do both of the following:
- (1) Provide public notice of the availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with the publication requirements applicable to the competitive bidding process of the city.
- (2) Provide a fixed date and time on which the subcontracted work will be awarded in accordance with the procedure established pursuant to this section.
- (g) Lists of subcontractors, bidders, and bid awards relating to the project shall be submitted by the design-build entity to the awarding body within 14 days of the award. These documents are deemed to be public records and shall be available for public inspection pursuant to this chapter and Article 1 (commencing with Section 6250) of Chapter 3.5 of Division 7 of the Government Code.
- (h) The minimum performance criteria and design standards established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) shall be adhered to by the design-build entity. Any deviations from those standards may only be allowed by written consent of the city.
- (i) The city may retain the services of a design professional or construction project manager, or both, throughout the course of the project in order to ensure compliance with this section.
- (j) Contracts awarded pursuant to this section shall be valid until the project is completed.
- (k) Nothing in this section is intended to affect, expand, alter, or limit any rights or remedies otherwise available at law.
- (l) (1) If the city elects to award a project pursuant to this section, retention proceeds withheld by the city from the design-build entity shall not exceed 5 percent if a performance and

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payment bond, issued by an admitted surety insurer, is required in the solicitation of bids.

- (2) In a contract between the design-build entity and the subcontractor, and in a contract between a subcontractor and any subcontractor thereunder, the percentage of the retention proceeds withheld may not exceed the percentage specified in the contract between the city and the design-build entity. If the design-build entity provides written notice to any subcontractor who is not a member of the design-build entity, prior to or at the time the bid is requested, that a bond may be required and the subcontractor subsequently is unable or refuses to furnish a bond to the design-build entity, then the design-build entity may withhold retention proceeds in excess of the percentage specified in the contract between the city and the design-build entity from any payment made by the design-build entity to the subcontractor.
- (m) Each city that elects to proceed under this section and uses the design-build method on a public works project shall submit to the Legislative Analyst's Office before December 1, 2014, a report containing a description of each public works project procured through the design-build process that is completed after January 1, 2011, and before November 1, 2014. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following information:
  - (1) The type of project.
  - (2) The gross square footage of the project.
  - (3) The design-build entity that was awarded the project.
  - (4) The estimated and actual project costs.
- (5) The estimated and actual length of time to complete the project.
- (6) A description of any written protests concerning any aspect of the solicitation, bid, proposal, or award of the design-build project, including the resolution of the protests.
  - (7) An assessment of the prequalification process and criteria.
- (8) An assessment of the effect of retaining 5 percent retention on the project.
- (9) A description of the Labor Force Compliance Program and an assessment of the project impact, where required.
- (10) A description of the method used to award the contract. If the best value method was used, the report shall describe the factors used to evaluate the bid, including the weighting of each factor and an assessment of the effectiveness of the methodology.

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(11) An assessment of the project impact of "skilled labor force availability."

- (12) An assessment of the most appropriate uses for the design-build approach.
- (n) Any city that elects not to use the authority granted by this section may submit a report to the Legislative Analyst's Office explaining why the city elected not to use the design-build method.
- (o) On or before January 1, 2015, the Legislative Analyst's Office shall report to the Legislature on the use of the design-build method by cities pursuant to this section, including the information listed in subdivision (m). The report may include recommendations for modifying or extending this section.
- (p) Except as provided in this section, nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the application of any other law.
- (q) Before January 1, 2011, the project limitation of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), as set forth in subdivision (a), shall not apply to any city in the Counties of Solano and Yolo, or to the Cities of Stanton and Victorville.
- (r) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 8. Section 20193 of the Public Contract Code is repealed. 20193. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other law and subject to the limitations of this article, a qualified entity, with approval of its governing body, may utilize an alternative procedure on bidding on projects in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).
- 28 (2) Only 20 design-build projects shall be authorized under this 29 article.
  - (3) A qualified entity may award a project using either the lowest responsible bidder or by best value.
  - (4) For purposes of this article, "qualified entity" means an entity that meets both of the following:
- 34 (A) The entity is any of the following:
- 35 (i) A city.

- 36 (ii) A county.
- 37 (iii) A city and county.
- 38 (iv) A special district.
- 39 (B) The entity operates wastewater facilities, solid waste 40 management facilities, or water recycling facilities.

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(b) (1) For contracts for public works projects awarded prior to the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, if a qualified entity elects to proceed under this section, the qualified entity shall establish and enforce a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, or it shall contract with a third party to operate a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. This requirement shall not apply to projects where the qualified entity or the design-build entity has entered into a collective bargaining agreement or agreements that bind all of the contractors performing work on the projects.

- (2) For contracts for public works projects awarded on or after the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, the qualified entity shall reimburse the department for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing prevailing wage monitoring and enforcement on public works projects pursuant to rates established by the department as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. All moneys collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund created by Section 1771.3 of the Labor Code, and shall be used only for enforcement of prevailing wage requirements on those projects.
- (3) In lieu of reimbursing the Department of Industrial Relations for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing monitoring and enforcement on public works projects, the qualified entity may elect to continue operating an existing previously approved labor compliance program to monitor and enforce prevailing wage requirements on the project if it has either not contracted with a third party to conduct its labor compliance program and requests and receives approval from the department to continue its existing program or it enters into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all of the contractors performing work on the project and that includes a mechanism for resolving disputes about the payment of wages.
  - (c) As used in this section:

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(1) "Best value" means a value determined by objective criteria related to price, features, functions, small business contracting plans, past performance, and life-cycle costs.

- (2) "Design-build" means a procurement process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity.
- (3) "Design-build entity" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that is able to provide appropriately licensed contracting, architectural, and engineering services as needed pursuant to a design-build contract.
- (4) "Project" means the construction of regional and local wastewater treatment facilities, regional and local solid waste facilities, or regional and local water recycling facilities.
- (d) Design-build projects shall progress in a four-step process, as follows:
- (1) (A) The qualified entity shall prepare a set of documents setting forth the scope of the project. The documents may include, but are not limited to, the size, type, and desired design character of the project and site, performance specifications covering the quality of materials, equipment, and workmanship, preliminary plans or project layouts, or any other information deemed necessary to describe adequately the qualified entity's needs. The performance specifications and any plans shall be prepared by a design professional who is duly licensed and registered in California.
- (B) Any architect or engineer retained by the qualified entity to assist in the development of the project specific documents shall not be eligible to participate in the preparation of a bid with any design-build entity for that project.
- (2) (A) Based on the documents prepared in paragraph (1), the qualified entity shall prepare a request for proposals that invites interested parties to submit competitive sealed proposals in the manner prescribed by the qualified entity. The request for proposals shall include, but is not limited to, the following elements:
- (i) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the expected cost range, and other information deemed necessary by the qualified entity to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity, to include the methodology that will be used by the qualified entity to evaluate proposals and specifically if the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

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(ii) Significant factors that the qualified entity reasonably expects to consider in evaluating proposals, including cost or price and all nonprice related factors.

- (iii) The relative importance of weight assigned to each of the factors identified in the request for proposals.
- (B) With respect to clause (iii) of subparagraph (A), if a nonweighted system is used, the qualified entity shall specifically disclose whether all evaluation factors other than cost or price when combined are:
  - (i) Significantly more important than cost or price.
  - (ii) Approximately equal in importance to cost or price.
  - (iii) Significantly less important than cost or price.
- (C) If the qualified entity chooses to reserve the right to hold discussions or negotiations with responsive bidders, it shall so specify in the request for proposal and shall publish separately or incorporate into the request for proposal applicable rules and procedures to be observed by the qualified entity to ensure that any discussions or negotiations are conducted in good faith.
- (3) (A) The qualified entity shall establish a procedure to prequalify design-build entities using a standard questionnaire developed by the qualified entity. In preparing the questionnaire, the qualified entity shall consult with the construction industry, including representatives of the building trades and surety industry. This questionnaire shall require information including, but not limited to, all of the following:
- (i) If the design-build entity is a partnership, limited partnership, or other association, a listing of all of the partners, general partners, or association members known at the time of bid submission who will participate in the design-build contract, including, but not limited to, mechanical subcontractors.
- (ii) Evidence that the members of the design-build entity have completed, or demonstrated the experience, competency, capability, and capacity to complete projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project, as well as a financial statement that assures the special district that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.

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(iii) The licenses, registration, and credentials required to design and construct the project, including information on the revocation or suspension of any license, credential, or registration.

- (iv) Evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance.
- (v) Any prior serious or willful violation of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, contained in Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code or the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596), settled against any member of the design-build entity, and information concerning workers' compensation experience history and worker safety program.
- (vi) Information concerning any debarment, disqualification, or removal from a federal, state, or local government public works project. Any instance where an entity, its owners, officers, or managing employees submitted a bid on a public works project and were found to be nonresponsive, or were found by an awarding body not to be a responsible bidder.
- (vii) Any instance where the entity, its owner, officers, or managing employees defaulted on a construction contract.
- (viii) Any violations of the Contractors' State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code), excluding alleged violations of federal or state law including the payment of wages, benefits, apprenticeship requirements, or personal income tax withholding, or of Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) withholding requirements settled against any member of the design-build entity.
- (ix) Information concerning the bankruptcy or receivership of any member of the design-build entity, including information concerning any work completed by a surety.
- (x) Information concerning all settled adverse claims, disputes, or lawsuits between the owner of a public works project and any member of the design-build entity during the five years preceding submission of a bid pursuant to this section, in which the claim, settlement, or judgment exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Information shall also be provided concerning any work completed by a surety during this period.
- (xi) In the case of a partnership or other association, that is not a legal entity, a copy of the agreement creating the partnership or

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association and specifying that all partners or association members
 agree to be fully liable for the performance under the design-build
 contract.

- (B) The information required pursuant to this subdivision shall be verified under oath by the entity and its members in the manner in which civil pleadings in civil actions are verified. Information that is not a public record pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code) shall not be open to public inspection.
- (4) The qualified entity shall establish a procedure for final selection of the design-build entity. Selection shall be based on either of the following criteria:
- (A) A competitive bidding process resulting in lump-sum bids by the prequalified design-build entities. Awards shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (B) A qualified entity may use a design-build competition based upon best value and other criteria set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d). The design-build competition shall include the following elements:
- (i) Competitive proposals shall be evaluated by using only the eriteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the request for proposal. However, the following minimum factors shall each represent at least 10 percent of the total weight of consideration given to all criteria factors; price, technical design and construction expertise, life-cycle costs over 15 years or more, skilled labor force availability, and acceptable safety record.
- (ii) Once the evaluation is complete, the top three responsive bidders shall be ranked sequentially from the most advantageous to the least.
- (iii) The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible bidder whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any provision of this code, upon issuance of a contract award, the qualified entity shall publicly announce its award, identifying the contractor to which the award is made, along with a written decision supporting its contract award and stating the basis of the award. The notice of award shall also include the qualified entity's second and third ranked design-build entities.

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(v) For purposes of this paragraph, "skilled labor force availability" shall be determined by the existence of an agreement with a registered apprenticeship program, approved by the California Apprenticeship Council, which has graduated apprentices in each of the preceding five years. This graduation requirement shall not apply to programs providing apprenticeship training for any craft that has been deemed by the Department of Labor and the Department of Industrial Relations to be an apprenticeable craft in the five years prior to enactment of this act.

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- (vi) For purposes of this paragraph, a bidder's "safety record" shall be deemed "acceptable" if their experience modification rate for the most recent three-year period is an average of 1.00 or less, and their average total recordable injury/illness rate and average lost work rate for the most recent three-year period does not exceed the applicable statistical standards for its business category, or if the bidder is a party to an alternative dispute resolution system as provided for in Section 3201.5 of the Labor Code.
- (e) (1) Any design-build entity that is selected to design and build a project pursuant to this section shall possess or obtain sufficient bonding to cover the contract amount for nondesign services, and errors and omissions insurance coverage sufficient to cover all design and architectural services provided in the contract. This section does not prohibit a general or engineering contractor from being designated the lead entity on a design-build entity for the purposes of purchasing necessary bonding to cover the activities of the design-build entity.
- (2) Any payment or performance bond written for the purposes of this section shall be written using a bond form developed by the qualified entity.
- (f) All subcontractors that were not listed by the design-build entity in accordance with clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) shall be awarded by the design-build entity in accordance with the design-build process set forth by the qualified entity in the design-build package. All subcontractors bidding on contracts pursuant to this section shall be afforded the protections contained in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1. The design-build entity shall do both of the following:
- (1) Provide public notice of the availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with the publication requirements

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applicable to the competitive bidding process of the qualified entity.

- (2) Provide a fixed date and time on which the subcontracted work will be awarded in accordance with the procedure established pursuant to this section.
- (g) The minimum performance criteria and design standards established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) shall be adhered to by the design-build entity. Any deviations from those standards may only be allowed by written consent of the qualified entity.
- (h) The qualified entity may retain the services of a design professional or construction project manager, or both, throughout the course of the project in order to ensure compliance with this section.
- (i) Contracts awarded pursuant to this section shall be valid until the project is completed.
- (j) Nothing in this section is intended to affect, expand, alter, or limit any rights or remedies otherwise available at law.
- (k) (1) If the qualified entity elects to award a project pursuant to this section, retention proceeds withheld by the qualified entity from the design-build entity shall not exceed 5 percent if a performance and payment bond, issued by an admitted surety insurer, is required in the solicitation of bids.
- (2) In a contract between the design-build entity and the subcontractor, and in a contract between a subcontractor and any subcontractor thereunder, the percentage of the retention proceeds withheld may not exceed the percentage specified in the contract between the qualified entity and the design-build entity. If the design-build entity provides written notice to any subcontractor who is not a member of the design-build entity, prior to or at the time the bid is requested, that a bond may be required and the subcontractor subsequently is unable or refuses to furnish a bond to the design-build entity, then the design-build entity may withhold retention proceeds in excess of the percentage specified in the contract between the qualified entity and the design-build entity from any payment made by the design-build entity to the subcontractor.
- (*l*) Each qualified entity that elects to proceed under this section and uses the design-build method on a public works project shall do both of the following:

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(1) Notify the Legislative Analyst's Office upon initiation of the project and upon completion of the project.

- (2) Submit to the Legislative Analyst's Office, upon completion of the project, a report containing a description of the public works project procured through the design-build process pursuant to this section and completed after January 1, 2009. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following information:
  - (A) The type of project.

- (B) The gross square footage of the project.
- 10 (C) The design-build entity that was awarded the project.
  - (D) The estimated and actual project costs.
  - (E) A description of any written protests concerning any aspect of the solicitation, bid, proposal, or award of the design-build project, including the resolution of the protests.
    - (F) An assessment of the prequalification process and criteria.
  - (G) An assessment of the effect of retaining 5-percent retention on the project.
  - (H) A description of the Labor Force Compliance Program and an assessment of the project impact, where required.
  - (I) A description of the method used to award the contract. If best value was the method, the report shall describe the factors used to evaluate the bid, including the weighting of each factor and an assessment of the effectiveness of the methodology.
  - (J) An assessment of the project impact of "skilled labor force availability."
  - (K) An assessment of the most appropriate uses for the design-build approach.
  - (m) Any qualified entity that elects not to use the authority granted by this section may submit a report to the Legislative Analyst's Office explaining why the qualified entity elected to not use the design-build method.
  - (n) (1) In order to comply with paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), the Office of Planning and Research is required to maintain the list of entities that have applied and are eligible to be qualified for this authority.
  - (2) Each entity that is interested in proceeding under the authority in this section must apply to the Office of Planning and Research.
    - (A) The application to proceed must be in writing.

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(B) An entity must have complied with the California Environmental Quality Act review process pursuant to Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code prior to its application, and must include its approved notice of determination or notice of completion in its application.

- (3) The Office of Planning and Research must approve or deny an application, in writing, within 30 days. The authority to deny an application shall only be exercised if the conditions set forth in either or both paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subdivision have not been satisfied.
- (4) An entity utilizing this section must, after it determines it no longer is interested in using this authority, notify the Office of Planning and Research in writing within 30 days of its determination. Upon notification, the Office of Planning and Research may contact any previous applicants, denied pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), to inform them of the availability to proceed under this section.
- (o) The Legislative Analyst shall report to the Legislature on the use of the design-build method by qualified entities pursuant to this section, including the information listed in subdivision (*l*). The report may include recommendations for modifying or extending this section, and shall be submitted on either of the following dates, whichever occurs first:
- (1) Within one year of the completion of the 20 projects, if the projects are completed prior to January 1, 2019.
  - (2) No later than January 1, 2020.
- SEC. 9. Section 20209 of the Public Contract Code is repealed. 20209. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any transit district may negotiate the purchase from, or the sale to, any federal, state, or local public agency of any real or personal property upon terms and conditions agreed to by the district and the public agency.
- SEC. 10. Section 20301.5 of the Public Contract Code is repealed.
- 20301.5. (a) Notwithstanding Section 20301, the district may let a design-and-build contract for any project for a transit center or station, transit park-and-ride lot, bus and light rail maintenance facility, or administrative office building, or any combination of those, upon approval by the board of directors. The district also may let a design-and-build contract for the Fremont-South Bay Commuter Rail Project contained in Santa Clara County's 1996

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Measure B Transportation Improvement Program, upon approval by the board of directors.

- (b) (1) If the board of directors elects to proceed under subdivision (a), before entering into any contract that requires advertising for bids for a project, the board shall cause to be prepared estimates, and shall prepare documents, for the solicitation of bids on a design-and-build basis.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, "design and build" means a method of procuring design and construction from a single source. The selection of the single source shall occur before the development of complete plans and specifications.
- (c) The request for submission of bids shall include all of the following:
- (1) A clear, precise description of the services to be provided and work to be performed.
- (2) A description of the format that submittals shall follow and the elements they shall contain, including the qualifications and relevant experience of the design professional and the contractor, and the criteria that shall be used in evaluating the submittal, including the bid price.
- (3) A requirement that bidders submit their proposals with the construction bid price and all cost information in a separate sealed envelope.
- (4) The date on which the submittals are due, and the timetable that will be used in reviewing and evaluating the submittals.
- (d) All submittals received prior to the closing time stated in the request for submittal shall be reviewed to determine those that meet the format requirements and the standards specified in the request for submittal.
- (e) The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the standards of the request for submittal.
- (f) For the purposes of this section, selections of design professionals shall meet the standards set forth in Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 4525) of Division 5 of Title 1 of the Government Code.
- (g) This section shall apply only to a project that is under the supervision of a licensed general building contractor, as defined in Section 7057 of the Business and Professions Code.

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SEC. 11. Article 22 (commencing with Section 20360) of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code is repealed.

4 SEC. 12. Section 20688.6 of the Public Contract Code is 5 repealed.

20688.6. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, an agency, with approval of its duly constituted board in a public hearing, may utilize an alternative procedure for bidding on projects in the community in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and may award the project using either the lowest responsible bidder or by best value.

- (2) Only 10 design-build projects shall be authorized under this section.
- (b) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to enable entities as provided in Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000) of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code to utilize design-build for those infrastructure improvements authorized in Sections 33421, 33445, and 33445.1 of the Health and Safety Code and subject to the limitations on that authority described in Section 33421.1 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (2) The Legislature also finds and declares that utilizing a design-build contract requires a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each participant in the design-build process.
- (3) (A) For contracts for public works projects awarded prior to the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, if the board elects to proceed under this section, the board shall establish and enforce a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, or it shall contract with a third party to operate a labor compliance program containing the requirements outlined in Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. This requirement shall not apply to projects where the agency or the design-build entity has entered into a collective bargaining agreement or agreements that bind all of the contractors performing work on the projects.
- (B) For contracts for public works projects awarded on or after the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, the board shall reimburse the department for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing prevailing

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wage monitoring and enforcement on public works projects pursuant to rates established by the department as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code. All moneys collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund, created by Section 1771.3 of the Labor Code, and shall be used only for enforcement of prevailing wage requirements on those projects.

- (C) In lieu of reimbursing the Department of Industrial Relations for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing monitoring and enforcement on public works projects, the board may elect to continue operating an existing previously approved labor compliance program to monitor and enforce prevailing wage requirements on the project if it has either not contracted with a third party to conduct its labor compliance program and requests and receives approval from the department to continue its existing program or it enters into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all of the contractors performing work on the project and that includes a mechanism for resolving disputes about the payment of wages.
  - (c) As used in this section:

- (1) "Best value" means a value determined by objective criteria related to price, features, functions, and life-cycle costs.
- (2) "Design-build" means a procurement process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity.
- (3) "Design-build entity" means a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that is able to provide appropriately licensed contracting, architectural, and engineering services as needed pursuant to a design-build contract.
- (4) "Project" means those infrastructure improvements authorized in Sections 33421, 33445, and 33445.1 of the Health and Safety Code and subject to the limitations and conditions on that authority described in Article 10 (commencing with Section 33420) and Article 11 (commencing with Section 33430) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (d) Design-build projects shall progress in a four-step process, as follows:
- (1) (A) The agency shall prepare a set of documents setting forth the scope of the project. The documents may include, but are not limited to, the size, type, and desired design character of the

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public improvement, performance specifications covering the quality of materials, equipment, and workmanship, preliminary plans or building layouts, or any other information deemed necessary to describe adequately the agency's needs. The performance specifications and any plans shall be prepared by a design professional who is duly licensed and registered in California.

- (B) Any architect or engineer retained by the agency to assist in the development of the project specific documents shall not be eligible to participate in the preparation of a bid with any design-build entity for that project.
- (2) (A) Based on the documents prepared as described in paragraph (1), the agency shall prepare a request for proposals that invites interested parties to submit competitive sealed proposals in the manner prescribed by the agency. The request for proposals shall include, but is not limited to, the following elements:
- (i) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the expected cost range, and other information deemed necessary by the agency to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity, to include the methodology that will be used by the agency to evaluate proposals and specifically if the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (ii) Significant factors that the agency reasonably expects to consider in evaluating proposals, including cost or price and all nonprice-related factors.
- (iii) The relative importance of the weight assigned to each of the factors identified in the request for proposals.
- (B) With respect to clause (iii) of subparagraph (A), if a nonweighted system is used, the agency shall specifically disclose whether all evaluation factors other than cost or price when combined are:
  - (i) Significantly more important than cost or price.
  - (ii) Approximately equal in importance to cost or price.
  - (iii) Significantly less important than cost or price.
- (C) If the agency chooses to reserve the right to hold discussions or negotiations with responsive bidders, it shall so specify in the request for proposal and shall publish separately or incorporate into the request for proposal applicable rules and procedures to be observed by the agency to ensure that any discussions or negotiations are conducted in good faith.

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(3) (A) The agency shall establish a procedure to prequalify design-build entities using a standard questionnaire developed by the agency. In preparing the questionnaire, the agency shall consult with the construction industry, including representatives of the building trades and surety industry. This questionnaire shall require information including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (i) If the design-build entity is a partnership, limited partnership, or other association, a listing of all of the partners, general partners, or association members known at the time of bid submission who will participate in the design-build contract, including, but not limited to, mechanical subcontractors.
- (ii) Evidence that the members of the design-build entity have completed, or demonstrated the experience, competency, capability, and capacity to complete, projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project, as well as a financial statement that assures the agency that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.
- (iii) The licenses, registration, and credentials required to design and construct the project, including information on the revocation or suspension of any license, credential, or registration.
- (iv) Evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance.
- (v) Any prior serious or willful violation of the California Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, contained in Part 1 (commencing with Section 6300) of Division 5 of the Labor Code, or the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596), settled against any member of the design-build entity, and information concerning workers' compensation experience history and worker safety program.
- (vi) Information concerning any debarment, disqualification, or removal from a federal, state, or local government public works project. Any instance in which an entity, its owners, officers, or managing employees submitted a bid on a public works project and were found to be nonresponsive, or were found by an awarding body not to be a responsible bidder.
- (vii) Any instance in which the entity, or its owners, officers, or managing employees, defaulted on a construction contract.

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(viii) Any violations of the Contractors' State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code), including alleged violations of federal or state law including the payment of wages, benefits, apprenticeship requirements, or personal income tax withholding, or of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) withholding requirements settled against any member of the design-build entity.

- (ix) Information concerning the bankruptcy or receivership of any member of the design-build entity, including information concerning any work completed by a surety.
- (x) Information concerning all settled adverse claims, disputes, or lawsuits between the owner of a public works project and any member of the design-build entity during the five years preceding submission of a bid pursuant to this section, in which the claim, settlement, or judgment exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Information shall also be provided concerning any work completed by a surety during this period.
- (xi) In the case of a partnership, joint venture, or an association that is not a legal entity, a copy of the agreement creating the partnership or association and specifying that all general partners, joint venturers, or association members agree to be fully liable for the performance under the design-build contract.
- (B) The information required pursuant to this subdivision shall be verified under oath by the entity and its members in the manner in which civil pleadings in civil actions are verified. Information that is not a public record pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code) shall not be open to public inspection.
- (4) The agency shall establish a procedure for final selection of the design-build entity. Selection shall be based on either of the following criteria:
- (A) A competitive bidding process resulting in lump-sum bids by the prequalified design-build entities. Awards shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (B) An agency may use a design-build competition based upon best value and other criteria set forth in paragraph (2). The design-build competition shall include the following elements:
- (i) Competitive proposals shall be evaluated by using only the eriteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the

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request for proposal. However, the following minimum factors shall each represent at least 10 percent of the total weight of consideration given to all criteria factors: price, technical design and construction expertise, life-cycle costs over 15 years or more, skilled labor force availability, and acceptable safety record.

- (ii) Once the evaluation is complete, the top three responsive bidders shall be ranked sequentially from the most advantageous to the least.
- (iii) The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible bidder whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any provision of this code, upon issuance of a contract award, the agency shall publicly announce its award, identifying the contractor to whom the award is made, along with a written decision supporting its contract award and stating the basis of the award. The notice of award shall also include the agency's second- and third-ranked design-build entities.
- (v) For purposes of this paragraph, skilled labor force availability shall be determined by the existence of an agreement with a registered apprenticeship program, approved by the California Apprenticeship Council, which has graduated apprentices in each of the preceding five years. This graduation requirement shall not apply to programs providing apprenticeship training for any craft that has been deemed by the Department of Labor and the Department of Industrial Relations to be an apprenticeable craft in the five years prior to enactment of this act.
- (vi) For purposes of this paragraph, a bidder's safety record shall be deemed acceptable if its experience modification rate for the most recent three-year period is an average of 1.00 or less, and its average total recordable injury/illness rate and average lost work rate for the most recent three-year period does not exceed the applicable statistical standards for its business category or if the bidder is a party to an alternative dispute resolution system as provided for in Section 3201.5 of the Labor Code.
- (e) (1) Any design-build entity that is selected to design and build a project pursuant to this section shall possess or obtain sufficient bonding to cover the contract amount for nondesign services, and errors and omission insurance coverage sufficient to cover all design and architectural services provided in the contract. This section does not prohibit a general or engineering contractor

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from being designated the lead entity on a design-build entity for the purposes of purchasing necessary bonding to cover the activities of the design-build entity.

- (2) Any payment or performance bond written for the purposes of this section shall be written using a bond form developed by the agency.
- (f) All subcontractors that were not listed by the design-build entity in accordance with clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) shall be awarded by the design-build entity in accordance with the design-build process set forth by the agency in the design-build package. All subcontractors bidding on contracts pursuant to this section shall be afforded the protections contained in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1. The design-build entity shall do both of the following:
- (1) Provide public notice of the availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with the publication requirements applicable to the competitive bidding process of the agency.
- (2) Provide a fixed date and time on which the subcontracted work will be awarded in accordance with the procedure established pursuant to this section.
- (g) The minimum performance criteria and design standards established pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) shall be adhered to by the design-build entity. Any deviations from those standards may only be allowed by written consent of the agency.
- (h) The agency may retain the services of a design professional or construction project manager, or both, throughout the course of the project in order to ensure compliance with this section.
- (i) Contracts awarded pursuant to this section shall be valid until the project is completed.
- (j) Nothing in this section is intended to affect, expand, alter, or limit any rights or remedies otherwise available at law.
- (k) (1) If the agency elects to award a project pursuant to this section, retention proceeds withheld by the agency from the design-build entity shall not exceed 5 percent if a performance and payment bond, issued by an admitted surety insurer, is required in the solicitation of bids.
- (2) In a contract between the design-build entity and the subcontractor, and in a contract between a subcontractor and any subcontractor thereunder, the percentage of the retention proceeds

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withheld shall not exceed the percentage specified in the contract between the agency and the design-build entity. If the design-build entity provides written notice to any subcontractor who is not a member of the design-build entity, prior to or at the time the bid is requested, that a bond may be required and the subcontractor subsequently is unable or refuses to furnish a bond to the design-build entity, then the design-build entity may withhold retention proceeds in excess of the percentage specified in the contract between the agency and the design-build entity from any payment made by the design-build entity to the subcontractor.

- (*l*) Each agency that elects to proceed under this section and uses the design-build method on a public works project shall submit to the Legislative Analyst's Office before December 1, 2014, a report containing a description of each public works project procured through the design-build process after January 1, 2010, and before November 1, 2014. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, all of the following information:
  - (1) The type of project.

- (2) The gross square footage of the project.
- (3) The design-build entity that was awarded the project.
- (4) Where appropriate, the estimated and actual length of time to complete the project.
  - (5) The estimated and actual project costs.
- (6) A description of any written protests concerning any aspect of the solicitation, bid, proposal, or award of the design-build project, including the resolution of the protests.
  - (7) An assessment of the prequalification process and criteria.
- (8) An assessment of the effect of retaining 5-percent retention on the project.
- (9) A description of the labor force compliance program and an assessment of the project impact, where required.
- (10) A description of the method used to award the contract. If best value was the method, the report shall describe the factors used to evaluate the bid, including the weighting of each factor and an assessment of the effectiveness of the methodology.
- (11) An assessment of the project impact of skilled labor force availability.
- (12) An assessment of the design-build dollar limits on agency projects. This assessment shall include projects where the agency wanted to use design-build and was precluded by the dollar

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limitation. This assessment shall also include projects where the best value method was not used due to dollar limitations.

- (13) An assessment of the most appropriate uses for the design-build approach.
- (m) (1) In order to comply with paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), the State Public Works Board is required to maintain the list of agencies that have applied and are eligible to be qualified for this authority.
- (2) Each agency that is interested in proceeding under the authority in this section must apply to the State Public Works Board. The application to proceed shall be in writing and contain such information that the State Public Works Board may require.
- (3) The State Public Works Board shall approve or deny an application, in writing, within 90 days of the submission of a complete application. The authority to deny an application shall only be exercised if the condition set forth in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) has been satisfied.
- (4) An agency that has applied for this authorization shall, after it determines it no longer is interested in using this authority, notify the State Public Works Board in writing within 30 days of its determination. Upon notification, the State Public Works Board may contact any previous applicants, denied pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), to inform them of the availability to proceed under this section.
- (5) The State Public Works Board may authorize no more than 10 projects. The board shall not authorize or approve more than two projects for any one eligible redevelopment agency that submits a completed application.
- (6) The State Public Works Board shall notify the Legislative Analyst's Office when 10 projects have been approved.
- (n) On or before January 1, 2015, the Legislative Analyst shall report to the Legislature on the use of the design-build method by agencies pursuant to this section, including the information listed in subdivision (*l*). The report may include recommendations for modifying or extending this section.
- (o) Except as provided in this section, nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the application of any other law.
- (p) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

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SEC. 13. Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 22160) is added to Part 3 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, to read:

## CHAPTER 4. LOCAL AGENCY DESIGN-BUILD PROJECTS

- 22160. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the design-build method of project delivery, using a best value procurement methodology, has been authorized for various agencies that have reported benefits from such projects including reduced project costs, expedited project completion, and design features that are not achievable through the traditional design-bid-build method.
  - (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the following occur:
- (1) This article provides general authorization for local agencies to use design-build for projects, excluding projects on the state highway system.
- (2) This article shall not be deemed to provide a preference for the design-build method over other procurement methodologies.
- 22161. For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:
- (a) "Best value" means a value determined by evaluation of proposals with reference to specified criteria objectively applied, including, but not limited to, price, quality of technical proposals, qualifications of key personnel, and other criteria deemed appropriate by the local agency. A best value determination may entail selection of the lowest priced technically acceptable proposal or selection of the best proposal for a fixed price established by the procuring agency, or it may consist of a tradeoff between price and other specified factors.
- (b) "Construction subcontract" means each subcontract awarded by the design-build entity to a subcontractor that will perform work or labor or render service to the design-build entity in or about the construction of the work or improvement, or a subcontractor licensed by the State of California that, under subcontract to the design-build entity, specially fabricates and installs a portion of the work or improvement according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications produced by the design-build team.
- (c) "Design-build" means a project delivery process in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity.

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(d) "Design-build entity" means a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, or other legal entity that is able to provide appropriately licensed contracting, architectural, and engineering services as needed pursuant to a design-build contract.

- (e) "Design-build team" means the design-build entity itself and the individuals and other entities identified by the design-build entity as members of its team.
  - (f) "Local agency" means the following:
  - (1) A city, county, or city and county.
- (2) A special district that operates wastewater facilities, solid waste management facilities, or water recycling facilities.
- (3) Any transit district, included transit district, municipal operator, included municipal operator, or transit development board, as defined in Section 99210 of the Public Utilities Code, or a consolidated agency, as defined in Section 132353.1 of the Public Utilities Code, or any joint powers authority formed to provide transit service.
- 22162. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a local agency, with approval of its governing body, may procure design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), awarding the contract either the low bid or the best value, provided that this article shall not apply to any projects on the state highway system.
- (b) The local agency shall develop guidelines for a standard organizational conflict-of-interest policy, consistent with applicable law, regarding the ability of a person or entity, that performs services for the local agency relating to the solicitation of a design-build project, to submit a proposal as a design-build entity, or to join a design-build team. This conflict-of-interest policy shall apply to each local agency entering into design-build contracts authorized under this article.
- 22163. (a) For contracts for public works projects awarded on or after the effective date of the regulations adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code, the local agency shall reimburse the department for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing prevailing wage monitoring and enforcement on public works projects pursuant to rates established by the department as set forth in subdivision (h) of Section 1771.5 of the Labor Code.

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All moneys collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited in the State Public Works Enforcement Fund, created by Section 1771.3 of the Labor Code, and shall, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, be used only for enforcement of prevailing wage requirements on those projects.

- (b) In lieu of reimbursing the Department of Industrial Relations for its reasonable and directly related costs of performing monitoring and enforcement on public works projects, the local agency may elect to continue operating an existing previously approved labor compliance program to monitor and enforce prevailing wage requirements on the project if it has either not contracted with a third party to conduct its labor compliance program and requests and receives approval from the department to continue its existing program or it enters into a collective bargaining agreement that binds all of the contractors performing work on the project and that includes a mechanism for resolving disputes about the payment of wages.
- 22164. The procurement process for the design-build projects shall progress as follows:
- (a) The local agency shall prepare a set of documents setting forth the scope and estimated price of the project. The documents may include, but need not be limited to, the size, type, and desired design character of the project, performance specifications covering the quality of materials, equipment, workmanship, preliminary plans or building layouts, or any other information deemed necessary to describe adequately the local agency's needs. The performance specifications and any plans shall be prepared by a design professional who is duly licensed and registered in California.
- (b) Based on the documents prepared under subdivision (a), the local agency shall prepare and issue a request for qualifications in order to prequalify or short-list the design-build entities whose proposals shall be evaluated for final selection. The request for qualifications shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements:
- (1) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the expected cost range, the methodology that will be used by the local agency to evaluate proposals, the procedure for final selection of the design-build entity, and any other information

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deemed necessary by the local agency to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity.

- (2) (A) Significant factors that the local agency reasonably expects to consider in evaluating qualifications, including technical design and construction expertise, skilled labor force availability, and all other nonprice-related factors.
- (B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), skilled labor force availability shall be deemed satisfied by the existence of an agreement with a registered apprenticeship program, approved by the California Apprenticeship Council, that has graduated at least one apprentice in each of the preceding five years. This graduation requirement shall not apply to programs providing apprenticeship training for any craft that was first deemed by the federal Department of Labor and the Department of Industrial Relations to be an apprenticeable craft within the five years prior to the effective date of this article.
- (3) A standard template request for statements of qualifications prepared by the local agency. In preparing the standard template, the local agency may consult with the construction industry, the building trades and surety industry, and other local agencies interested in using the authorization provided by this article. The template shall require the following information:
- (A) If the design-build entity is a privately held corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or joint venture, a listing of all of the shareholders, partners, or members known at the time of statement of qualification submission who will perform work on the project.
- (B) Evidence that the members of the design-build team have completed, or demonstrated the experience, competency, capability, and capacity to complete projects of similar size, scope, or complexity, and that proposed key personnel have sufficient experience and training to competently manage and complete the design and construction of the project, and a financial statement that ensures that the design-build entity has the capacity to complete the project.
- (C) The licenses, registration, and credentials required to design and construct the project, including, but not limited to, information on the revocation or suspension of any license, credential, or registration.

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(D) Evidence that establishes that the design-build entity has the capacity to obtain all required payment and performance bonding, liability insurance, and errors and omissions insurance.

- (E) Information concerning workers' compensation experience history and a worker safety program.
- (F) If the proposed design-build entity is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, or other legal entity, a copy of the organizational documents or agreement committing to form the organization.
- (G) An acceptable safety record. A proposer's safety record shall be deemed acceptable if its experience modification rate for the most recent three-year period is an average of 1.00 or less, and its average total recordable injury or illness rate and average lost work rate for the most recent three-year period does not exceed the applicable statistical standards for its business category or if the proposer is a party to an alternative dispute resolution system as provided for in Section 3201.5 of the Labor Code.
- (4) (A) The information required under this subdivision shall be certified under penalty of perjury by the design-build entity and its general partners or joint venture members.
- (B) Information required under this subdivision that is not otherwise a public record under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code) shall not be open to public inspection.
- (c) Based on the documents prepared as described in subdivision (a), the local agency shall prepare a request for proposals that invites prequalified or short-listed entities to submit competitive sealed proposals in the manner prescribed by the local agency. The request for proposals shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements:
- (1) Identification of the basic scope and needs of the project or contract, the estimated cost of the project, the methodology that will be used by the local agency to evaluate proposals, whether the contract will be awarded on the basis of low bid or best value, and any other information deemed necessary by the local agency to inform interested parties of the contracting opportunity.
- (2) Significant factors that the local agency reasonably expects to consider in evaluating proposals, including, but not limited to, cost or price and all nonprice-related factors.

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(3) The relative importance or the weight assigned to each of the factors identified in the request for proposals.

- (4) Where a best value selection method is used, the local agency may reserve the right to request proposal revisions and hold discussions and negotiations with responsive proposers, in which case the local agency shall so specify in the request for proposals and shall publish separately or incorporate into the request for proposals applicable procedures to be observed by the local agency to ensure that any discussions or negotiations are conducted in good faith.
- (d) For those projects utilizing low bid as the final selection method, the competitive bidding process shall result in lump-sum bids by the prequalified or short-listed design-build entities, and awards shall be made to the design-build entity that is the lowest responsible bidder.
- (e) For those projects utilizing best value as a selection method, the design-build competition shall progress as follows:
- (1) Competitive proposals shall be evaluated by using only the criteria and selection procedures specifically identified in the request for proposals.
- (2) Pursuant to subdivision (c), the local agency may hold discussions or negotiations with responsive proposers using the process articulated in the local agency's request for proposals.
- (3) When the evaluation is complete, the responsive proposers shall be ranked based on a determination of value provided, provided that no more than three proposers are required to be ranked.
- (4) The award of the contract shall be made to the responsible design-build entity whose proposal is determined by the local agency to have offered the best value to the public.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, upon issuance of a contract award, the local agency shall publicly announce its award, identifying the design-build entity to which the award is made, along with a written decision supporting its contract award and stating the basis of the award.
- (6) The written decision supporting the local agency's contract award, described in paragraph (5), and the contract file shall provide sufficient information to satisfy an external audit.
- 22165. (a) The design-build entity shall provide payment and performance bonds for the project in the form and in the amount

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required by the local agency, and issued by a California admitted surety. The amount of the payment bond shall not be less than the amount of the performance bond.

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- (b) The design-build contract shall require errors and omissions insurance coverage for the design elements of the project.
- (c) The local agency shall develop a standard form of payment and performance bond for its design-build projects.
- 22166. (a) The local agency, in each design-build request for proposals, may identify specific types of subcontractors that must be included in the design-build entity statement of qualifications and proposal. All construction subcontractors that are identified in the proposal shall be afforded all the protections of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1.
- (b) Following award of the design-build contract, the design-build entity shall proceed as follows in awarding construction subcontracts with a value exceeding one-half of 1 percent of the contract price allocable to construction work:
- (1) Provide public notice of availability of work to be subcontracted in accordance with the publication requirements applicable to the competitive bidding process of the local agency, including a fixed date and time on which qualifications statements, bids, or proposals will be due.
  - (2) Establish reasonable qualification criteria and standards.
- (3) Award the subcontract either on a best value basis or to the lowest responsible bidder. The process may include prequalification or short-listing. The foregoing process does not apply to construction subcontractors listed in the original proposal. Subcontractors awarded construction subcontracts under this subdivision shall be afforded all the protections of Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of Part 1.
- 22167. (a) If the local agency elects to award a project pursuant to this article, retention proceeds withheld by the local agency from the design-build entity shall not exceed 5 percent, except as otherwise specified in this section.
- (b) (1) In a contract between the design-build entity and the subcontractor, and in a contract between a subcontractor and any subcontractor thereunder, the percentage of the retention proceeds withheld may not exceed the percentage specified in the contract between the local agency and the design-build entity.

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(2) This subdivision shall not apply if the design-build entity provides written notice to any subcontractor that is not a member of the design-build entity, prior to, or at the time the bid is requested from the subcontractor, that a bond may be required and the subcontractor subsequently is unable or refuses to furnish a bond to the design-build entity, then the design-build entity may withhold retention proceeds in excess of the percentage specified in the contract between the local agency and the design-build entity from any payment made by the design-build entity to the subcontractor.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the retention proceeds withheld from any payment by a local agency from the original design-build entity, by the original design-build entity contractor from any subcontractor, and by a subcontractor from any subcontractor thereunder, may exceed 5 percent on specific projects if the governing body of the public entity or designee, including, but not limited to, a general manager or other director of an appropriate department, has approved a finding during a properly noticed and normally scheduled public hearing and prior to the proposal due date that the project is substantially complex and therefore requires a higher retention amount than 5 percent, and the local agency includes both this finding and the actual retention amount in the procurement documents.

22168. Nothing in this article affects, expands, alters, or limits any rights or remedies otherwise available at law.

SEC. 14. The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 5 and 13 of this act impose a limitation on the public's right to access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article 1 of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

In order to allow the Department of General Services, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and local agencies to fully accomplish its goals efficiently and economically, it is necessary to enact legislation that generally limits access to, and release of, records related to design-build.

SEC. 15. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because

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- 1 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
- 2 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
- 3 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
- 4 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
- 5 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
- 6 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California
- 7 Constitution.